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STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

On February 2, 2005, President George W. Bush presented his annual State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress and in front of millions of Americans watching from their homes. As someone fortunate to be in attendance in the House chamber, I can tell you it was a very emotional evening and was certainly the best State of the Union address I've heard since the days of Ronald Reagan.

The president's 53- minute speech touched on many of the major themes he championed during his first term, items which will be at the core of his agenda for the next four years. From plans to modernize the Social Security system to developing a simpler and fairer tax system, the president outlined an ambitious agenda for his administration and for Congress.

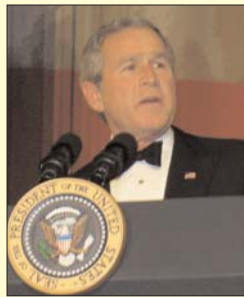
I look forward to having the opportunity to look at each of the president's proposals in more detail in the coming weeks. President Bush has laid out some wide-ranging objectives in his agenda, and it will ultimately be up to Congress with the input of the American people to meet these challenges.

INAUGURATION IS HISTORICAL EVENT

On January 20, 2005, President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney stood for a second time on the steps of the West Front of the U.S. Capitol and took the oath of office. This was a truly historic event, witnessed by nearly 500,000 people who stood in the fresh snow on the Capitol grounds and the National Mall for the festivities.

I was honored to witness the ceremony marking the 55th presidential inauguration with my wife and children and share with them the grandeur and excitement of the occasion. I was also pleased that so many friends from south Alabama made the trip to Washington for the swearing-in ceremony and the inaugural balls later that same evening.

The challenges facing this country and this administration during the next four years will be great, but I am confident the president and his team will continue to do all they can to protect and promote our great nation.



From the mailbox...

(letter addressed to our Senior Caseworker, Kay Williams, who handled this IRS case)

Dear Kay,

Saying "thank you" does not seem adequate. There is absolutely no way to properly express our appreciation to you and the others who worked so diligently on our behalf. I'm sure you must know what a relief it was to hear the news Thursday. This issue has been a dark cloud for me since August of 2003.

On behalf of [our] members, the Board of Directors and the staff, I thank you. It has been a long journey, and to be honest with you, I never dreamed that this would be the outcome. I sure rested better last Thursday night when I went to bed than I had in a long time. It really does feel like "a weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

I hope I never have to call on you and Congressman Bonner again. But, it has been so refreshing to know that he and his staff really do care about what happens in his district. You have gone way beyond your call of duty and as a result, we still have our jobs, we can "see the light at the end of the tunnel" with regard to our debt and of course, the corporate community will not lose one of their recruitment resources. You have made a huge difference in many lives.

Thank you again for your tireless efforts. We will always be indebted to you.

Sincerely,

A satisfied constituent

January 7, 2005



CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMY NOMINEES

This month, I am proud to announce the list of students from the First District who have received a nomination through my office to one of the nation's five service academies. An appointment to one of these five academies - the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point - is in itself a great accomplishment, and there is a great deal of competition for the slots which become available each academic year.

Every one of these young men and women has set a standard of academic excellence during their high school and college careers and should be commended for their efforts to secure one of these prestigious appointments.

Congratulations to:

Amanda Beck	Robertsdale High School
Charmaine Brown	LeFlore High School
Henry "Hank" Bullock	University of S. Alabama
Timothy Diegmann	Fairhope High School
Benjamin Duke	Satsuma High School
James Mason Dyess	Davidson High School
James Gendron	Foley High School
Glen Gregory	Fairhope High School
J. Crockett Hailey, III	Fairhope High School
Andrew Haire	Baker High School
Harry Hardman	Marion Military Institute
Christine Hernandez	Alabama School of Math and Science
N. Donell Hill, Jr.	UMS Wright Preparatory School
W. Bradley Howard	Fairhope High School
Chardette James	U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School
Daniel Keyser	Fairhope High School
Caleb Cumbie Laub	Daphne High School
Tara Lenn	St. Paul's Episcopal School
W. Steele Lightfoot	Daphne High School
J. Lucas Napper	Satsuma High School
Jerry Pribyl	U.S. Air Force Academy Prep. School
Eric Rew	Daphne High School
John "Jay" Smith	Bayside Academy
Dylan Vest	Alabama School of Math and Science
Justin Williams	Satsuma High School
Aaron Williamson	Murphy High School

For more information on the academy nomination process, please contact my Mobile district office at 251-690-2811 or 1-800-288-8721, or visit my website at <http://bonner.house.gov>.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Xanté Corporation, based in Mobile, Alabama, has over the past 15 years become one of the computer industry's leading producers of high performance print products.

Founded in 1989 by Robert C. Ross, Jr., Xanté is located in an 80,000-square-foot facility on Dauphin Street in Mobile. Since opening, the company has carved out a highly successful place in both national and international markets through its development of creative and innovative new forms of technology. From general office and network printing equipment to its new Z-7 press technology, Xanté has become one of the most reliable and sought after producers in the world.

We congratulate Xanté Corporation, its officers, and its employees here in the United States and around the world for 15 years of success, and commend them for being a highly valuable member of south Alabama's corporate community.



I was pleased to give the Mobile Azalea Trail Maids a tour of the U.S. Capitol during their recent trip to Washington. This group of young ladies received an invitation to participate in the Inaugural Parade and was even pictured in The Washington Post's Inauguration recap.